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SPRING WHEAT TEAM

DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FRASER ITP AND BESHOAR

US-USSR SECRETARIAT

REF: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JULY 30

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FROM
G.P. RUDENKO TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY R.E. BELL:

"DEAR MR. BELL:

"FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION REGARDING
THE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLABORATION FOR ECONOMIC-AGRICULTURAL
INVESTIGATION AND INFORMATION. DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW WE HOPE TO
DISCUSS AND FORMALIZE WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES THE FINAL
PLAN FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS FOR 1975, AS WELL AS
OTHER QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE
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FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND INFORMATION.

"WE TOOK ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE RAPID TRIP OF THE DELEGATION FOR FORECASTING THE WINTER WHEAT AND FEEDGRAINS, AND YOUR DELEGATION AS A WHOLE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS, SINCE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO OBSERVE A LOT AND TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS ON THE SPOT.

"HOWEVER WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A WISH THAT THE VISITS OF AMERICAN DELEGATIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE THEME HAD A MORE SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITY AND WOULD CARRY MORE OF A RESEARCH CHARACTERISTIC ABOUT METHODOLOGICAL QUESTIONS OF FORECASTING AS WAS DETERMINED BY THE SOVIET-AMERICAN DECISION REGARDING THIS SUBJECT OF RESEARCH, AND WOULD NOT GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF INSPECTION TRIPS FOR EVALUATING THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION AND IMPORT-EXPORT POSSIBILITIES OF THE USSR FOR GRAIN.

" IN REGARD TO THE DELEGATION ON SPRING WHEAT, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT TO THIS FACT, THAT IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR IT IS ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT TWO AMERICAN DELEGATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION.

"MOREOVER IN THIS SAME PERIOD (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER) IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP IN MOSCOW. IN VIEW OF THIS WE CONSIDER IT MORE EXPEDIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE VISIT OF THE SPRING WHEAT TEAM IN 1975, AS WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.

"IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROACHING THIRD SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP, I AM ASKING YOU, MR. BELL, TO INFORM US OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THAT WILL COME TO THE USSR AND TO SEND TO US AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE YOUR WISHES FOR THE PROGRAM DURING YOUR STAY IN THE USSR.

"I WISH TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE POSITIVE DECISION BY THE SOVIET SIDE REGARDING THE MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION WHICH WERE PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON.

"I WOULD HOPE THAT THE US SIDE WILL ALSO IN GENERAL MAKE A FAVORABLE DECISION REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH WE REQUESTED DURING THE LAST SESSION IN MAY OF THIS YEAR IN WASHINGTON.

"IN THE EXPECTATION OF OUR MEETING IN MOSCOW, I HOPE FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND DEEPENING COOPERATION.

"RESPECTFULLY, G.P. RUDENKO"

2. THE ORIGINAL LETTER WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TODAY.
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